

What is claimed is:

1. A novel dual-stream method of streaming variable-rate
5 data.
2. The dual-stream method of claim 1, which is extendable to multiple streams.
- 10 3. A scheme to send parts of a stream with locally large bandwidth over one or more auxillary channels while the rest of the data in that stream is sent over one or more base channels.
- 15 4. The scheme of claim 3, applicable to all types of multimedia where quality-sensitive material requires localized high bitrates as compared to the average bitrate requirement of the bitstream.
- 20 5. A method to maximize use of all available bandwidths to pre-stream such data in an auxillary channel while streaming the rest of the presentation along a main channel.
- 25 6. The method of claim 5, as set forth in Figure 6.